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DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR TO CONVEY A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED NEAR OCOTILLO, CALIFORNIA

SEPTEMBER 25, 1987.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. JOHNSTON, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 990]

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to which was referred the act (H.R. 990) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a certain parcel of land located near Ocotillo, California, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the act do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE MEASURE

The purpose of H.R. 990 is to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey, without consideration, to the Imperial Valley College, Barker Museum, of El Centro, CA, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a parcel of land comprising approximately 23 acres.

BACKGROUND AND NEED

The lands affected by this bill are near Ocotillo, a small town near the eastern edge of the Imperial Valley area of southern California. The lands are not public domain, but are lands acquired by the United States from another owner.

At one time the Bureau of Land Management [BLM] considered using the lands covered by the bill as the site for a visitor center. However, those plans have evidently been abandoned.

The Imperial Valley College, based in El Centro, CA, wishes to establish and maintain a desert museum and information center on

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the lands. No admission fees will be charged if this facility is built, although donations will be accepted.

Because the lands involved here are "acquired" lands rather than public domain lands, they are not eligible for administrative transfer to the college under the Recreation and Public Purposes Acts, the only authority whereby BLM could transfer them to the college without consideration.

Since the purposes for which the college seeks to use the lands are consistent with purposes for which these lands (if they were eligible) could be made available under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, the committee agrees that the BLM should be authorized to transfer the lands to the college without requiring payment.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

H.R. 990 passed the House on March 10, 1987, by a voice vote. A hearing was held by the Subcommittee on Public Lands, National Parks and Forests on July 30, 1987.

At a business meeting on September 16, 1987, the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources ordered H.R. 990 favorably reported.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND TABULATION OF VOTES

The Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, in open business session on September 16, 1987, by unanimous vote of a quorum present recommends that the Senate pass H.R. 990 as described herein.

The rollcall vote on reporting the measure was 17 yeas, 0 nays as follows:

YEAS	NAYS
Mr. Johnston	
Mr. Bumpers	
Mr. Ford	
Mr. Metzenbaum*	
Mr. Bradley*	
Mr. Bingaman*	
Mr. Wirth	
Mr. Fowler*	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. McClure	
Mr. Hatfield*	
Mr. Domenici*	
Mr. Wallop	
Mr. Murkowski	
Mr. Nickles*	
Mr. Hecht	
Mr. Evans.	

* Indicates voted by proxy.

COST AND BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS

The following estimate of the cost of this measure has been provided by the Congressional Budget Office:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, September 22, 1987.

Hon. J. BENNETT JOHNSTON, Jr.,
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has reviewed H.R. 990, an act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a certain parcel of land located near Ocotillo, California, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, September 16, 1987.

H.R. 990 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey, without consideration, approximately 23 acres of land to the Imperial Valley College Barker Museum of El Centro, California. Lands conveyed would revert to the federal government if they cease to be used for the public purposes specified in the act.

Based on information obtained from the Department of the Interior, CBO estimates that neither the federal government, nor state or local governments would incur significant costs if H.R. 990 were enacted.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them.

With best wishes,
Sincerely,

EDWARD M. GRAMLICH,
Acting Director.

REGULATORY IMPACT EVALUATION

In compliance with paragraph 11(b) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee makes the following evaluation of the regulatory impact which would be incurred in carrying out H.R. 990. The Act is not a regulatory measure in the sense of imposing Government-established standards or significant economic responsibilities on private individuals and businesses.

No personal information would be collected in administering the program. Therefore, there would be no impact on personal privacy.

Little, if any, additional paperwork would result from the enactment of H.R. 990, as reported.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

The legislative report of the Department of the Interior setting forth executive agency recommendations relating to H.R. 990 was requested on July 13, 1987. At the time this report was filed, the views of the Interior Department had not been received. When the report become available, the chairman will request that it be printed in the Congressional Record for the advice of the Senate.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with paragraph 12 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the committee notes that no changes in existing law are made by the act H.R. 990, as reported.

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